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Got Spirit?

Derek Slavens



Juniors Aby and Rosie dressed up for "Age Flip" day (PC: Gina Hubin)

Spirit Week at Auburn Adventist Academy is an electrifying week that allows every class to showcase their skills and spirit for their own class. This year's Spirit Week took place January 8-12. Each class came with great costumes, attitudes and spirit to represent their class. The classes met daily in the gym to compete for points earned by participation. In order to be counted as a participant, students had to wear at least three articles of clothing pertaining to the daily theme.

Monday's theme was "school spirit," which called for everyone to dress up in as much Auburn attire as they possibly could. The senior class came out strong taking the

lead on the first day with the most participation out of all four classes.

On Tuesday, the theme was "age flip". The freshmen and sophomores were instructed to dress as elderly people, while the juniors and seniors dressed as babies. All four classes came ready to compete and fight for their class. This resulted in much closer scores.

On Wednesday, the ASB officers chose the theme "heritage day" allowing everyone to dress according to their family's heritage. The sophomore class put up a fight, ending the day in the lead just ahead of the seniors!

Good ole pajama day broke out on Thursday with classes bringing beds, (*continued on page 2*)

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Wednesday Wisdom

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

Vincent Van Gogh

The ASB Squib

by McKenna Butler

All-Year Points System

We are currently calculating the scores, stay tuned!

Spirit Week

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 for winning Spirit Week! The last Junior class to win was the Class of 2016. Although the Seniors scored in total more points, because of confusions, they finished in second by only 75 points. Sophomores and Freshmen came in third and fourth, respectively. ASB heard a lot of good feedback from this Spirit Week, let us know if you have any suggestions!

(Sp. Week continued from pg. 1)
sleeping bags and pillows to the event. This day proved to be a big momentum change for the juniors. They were able to tie up with the sophomores and seniors on the leaderboard. All three classes had a good chance of winning Spirit week into Friday.

With the whole week on the line headed into Friday, it turned out to be a great battle. Friday was Fandom day which meant everyone

was asked to dress in something that they were a fan of. Through the entire event, it was back and forth until the very end. However, the junior class ended up taking the win for Spirit Week of the 2017-18 school year. The seniors came in second, just ahead of the sophomores, leaving the young freshmen in last place.

It was a great Spirit Week filled with lots of fun and excitement. Congratulations to the junior class!



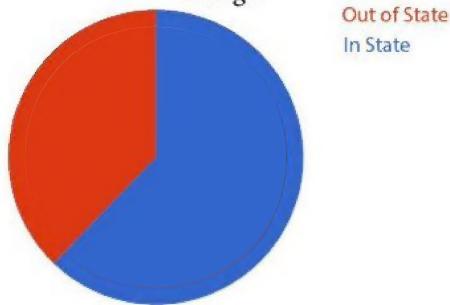
Cheeseball throwing madness (PC: Bradley Hammond)

Senior Survey

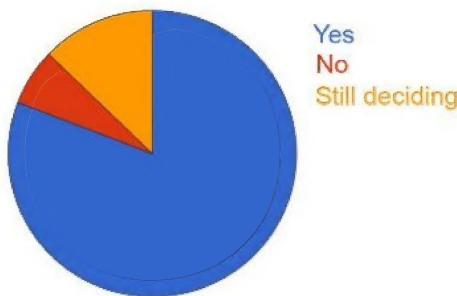
Madlyn Ellis

The senior class is very excited to begin their final semester of high school. They have a lot of things to look forward to this semester, such as U Days, class trip, and graduation. A poll was taken to see what they have to look forward to in the future:

Are you going in state or out of state for college?



Do you know your major?



Has the Academy prepared you for college?



What are your plans for college?



SFC Inquiry

McKenna Butler



A proposal to have the Seniors take their finals before Senior class trip will be taken to the Faculty for further discussion

Discussion about plans for a new networking system to be put in over Spring break so the bells will ring accurately

Academic integrity and ways to promote change were discussed. A subcommittee was formed to discuss further.

A motion was passed to propose to Ad-Co the female dress code alterations of the following:

- Dress length must be a vertical key-card length above the knee
- Leggings may be worn if the top garment covers the backside.

Friendship Basketball Tournament

Lindsey Reed



(From left to right) Manager Kaycee Clough, Coach Adams, Christian Klingstrand, Almonds Sebirokwa, Derek Slavens, Nick Chen, Benjamin Hoffmann, Andrew Rachal, Petra Ogando, Coach Ogando, Jonah Ogando, Benjamin Hoffmann, Gabe Estrada, Carson Fletcher, Albert Nakka, Joshua Gamponia, Manager Sophia Lorge



(From left to right) Coach Derek Brizendine, Coach Kristiana Brizendine, Lindsey Reed, Ali Walter, Kaayla Butler, Kaleigh Schaefer, Hannah Kissinger, Mentor Cheryl Burke, Amanda Gyan, Makensie Fowler, Magnifique Niyonizeye, Natalie Holm



(From left to right) Coach Ali Tyman, Charlotte Smith, Josie McKey, Emma Sample, Sydney Woody, Coach Joshua Tyman, Jackelyn Salgado, Bianca Prada, Ashley Reyes, Manager Rosie Aten

This year's annual basketball tournament began strong for both the boys and girls varsity teams, taking their first W on Thursday. However, both teams fell on Friday and Saturday, resulting in them placing 4th in both brackets. Although the JV girls team played in the round robin, meaning they didn't place anywhere, they had the same ratio between wins and losses as AAA's other teams, winning one out of three games.

Boys Varsity

Placed 4th in the tournament.
Won on Thursday against CAA.
Fell to PSAA on Friday.
Fell to WWVA on Saturday night.
Derek Slavens received an All-Star award

1st UCA
2nd PSAA
3rd WWVA
4th AAA
5th CAA
6th Livingstone
7th MAA
8th CCA

Girls Varsity

Placed 4th in the tournament.
Won on Thursday against UCA.
Fell to WWVA on Friday.
Fell to PSAA on Saturday night.
Magnifique Niyonizeye received an All-Star award

1st WWVA
2nd CAA
3rd PSAA
4th AAA
5th UCA
6th Livingstone
7th MAA
8th OCS

Girls Junior Varsity

Played in round robin, meaning they didn't place anywhere.
Fell to CCA on Thursday.
Won against GSA on Friday.
Fell to WWVA Saturday night.
Emma Sample received an All-Star award

Almonds Sebirokwa fights for the rebound against PSAA Sharks
(PC: Mickey Demma)



Showing off AAA

Jed Coon



Greeting the Families (PC: Bradley Hammond)

Auburn Adventist Academy hosted its first annual open house on January 17. Open house is a new three-hour event that allows Auburn to open its doors to families and display the school's atmosphere. Student ambassadors teamed up and took families on tours throughout the campus, answering any questions they might have.

Thanks to a large Facebook community and a marketing campaign that included ads on Spirit 105.3, AAA's open house was well advertised. Student ambassadors found it somewhat difficult to keep up with families as they arrived. The event was also supported by the Washington Conference Officials and the school board, almost all of whom were on campus.

One of the places shown off in the tour was Littlejohn Hall, where the Spanish 1 class provided food and presentations on hispanic countries. Little John was also where the ESL department displayed their program. The music program had the opportunity to showcase the jazz band, orchestra, wind ensemble, and sylvan

chorale. The school's new media arts building was also shown off.

The Growth and Development Department has helped Auburn a great deal, from bringing in new students to coming up with ways to help the school's expansion. There has been a great deal of positive changes these last few years, and being able to show these new families the potential Auburn can offer for their children to become the students at the academy.

Overall, people seemed to have a positive reaction to what the school is offering.

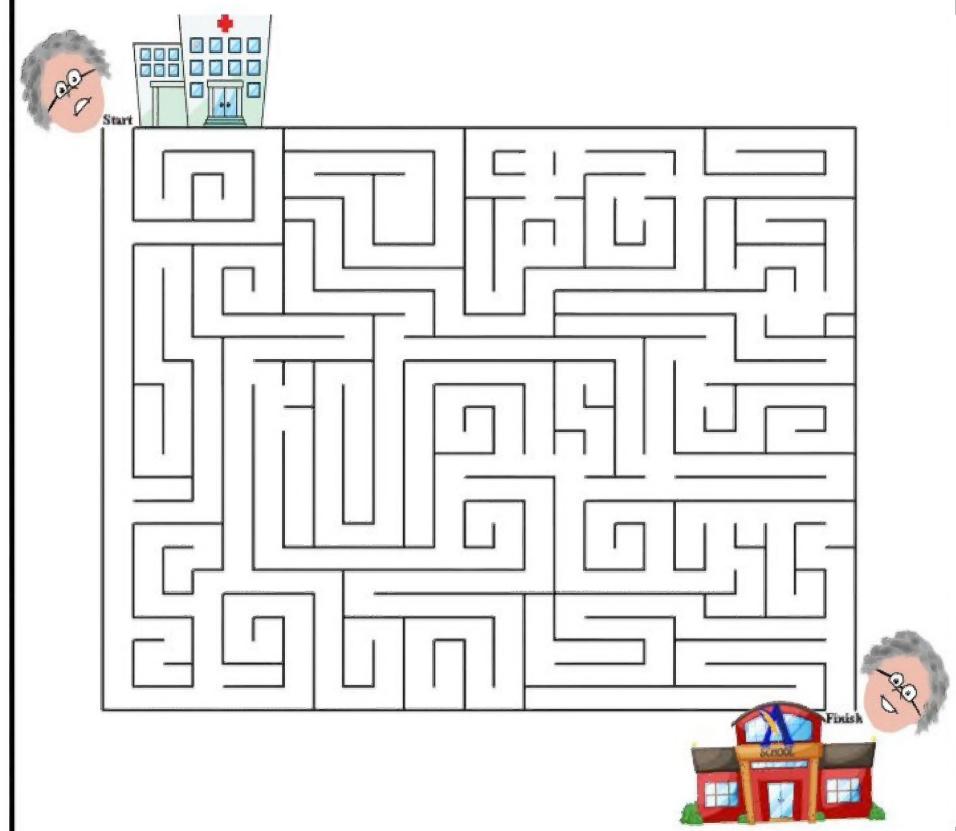
Senior Privileges

editorial by Sienna Hubin

Going into senior year, one thing that I really looked forward to was having senior privileges. This year, the Class of 2018 has requested to have no assigned seating in chapel and to be able to leave campus during lunch. The senior officers have been working with Student Faculty Council and AdCo (administration council) to request privileges and to make compromises so that most everyone is satisfied. Because of the change in administration, it has



GET MRS. KOBBERSTAD BACK TO SCHOOL



taken a while to get senior privileges, but one has finally been approved.



Fighting it out with the crew (PC: Ashlynn Hawe)

Seniors now have the privilege of being able to sit wherever they want within the first five rows during chapels. The senior class has been reminded that this is a privilege not a right, so like any privilege, it can be taken away if it's misused. Because we didn't get the privilege of leaving campus during lunch due to it being abused in the past and liability issues, seniors are now pushing to have some kind of celebration on the 18th of every month and casual Fridays.

Senior privileges are an important thing to have because it challenges underclassmen to be on their best behavior so that they can have special privileges when they become seniors. Privileges are also important to have because it's something to look forward to and it makes senior year more fun. I understand that the reason it took so long to get privileges approved was because of new administration and teachers, but I hope in the future seniors are given special privileges at the start of the year rather than halfway through the school year. We are hoping that this is just the beginning of receiving senior privileges, and we are working hard to earn them.

Exciting Improvements

Mickey Demma

Joy and gratitude are among the shared emotions of many teachers at Auburn Adventist Academy, as results from the 2017 Committee of 100 fundraiser begin to show.

In less than three months since the initial fundraiser, almost all 38 requests made by AAA educators have been funded. Currently, 32 are completely paid for, with 4 additional items partially funded. Money has been flowing in since the initial event according to the Growth and Development Department. Many items have been purchased and are ready for use in the classroom. "From the purchases that have been made, there are so many improvements... and there's even more to come," says Jay Kissinger, the industrial arts teacher.

One of the main departments being assisted by the fundraiser is the athletics program. Logan Adams, the athletic director, says that it's great to see the Committee support a brand new program



New lockers for the Band room (PC: Mickey Demma)

this year—the girls' soccer team. The Committee's efforts lowered costs for each student athlete and provided updated equipment to ensure that kids could perform safely and effectively.

Three months ago, Trenton Russell, the band director, had requested funds for the Academy's band room, as it needed remodeling and new, functional lockers. Currently, the band room is repainted, re-carpeted, and rehearsal-ready, with locker installment imminent.

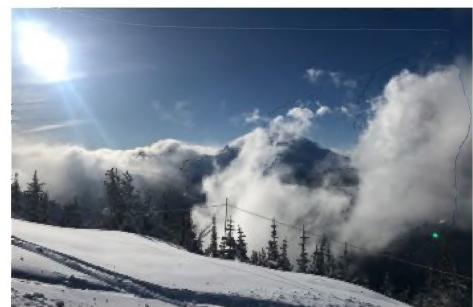
These are only a few of the many aspects improved due to the Committee of 100's generous support. As Grace Gratias, a science teacher, puts it, "Committee of 100 this year was exceptional, and the whole concept is just wonderful."

Freedom on the Slopes

editorial by Bradley Hammond

Auburn Adventist Academy has resumed their skiing and snowboarding program to Crystal Mountain Resort. This resort, which is in the Cascade Mountains, showcases some of the Pacific Northwest's natural beauty. The program lasts five Sundays with an extra day for those who had to miss one of the five Sundays.

There are a lot of advantages to going with the school instead of going skiing alone. Parking isn't a problem because the bus is allowed to park right in front of the entrance. This is convenient



Mount Rainier peaking out under the clouds

because you don't have to stand in a long line to get your chairlift ticket since the school takes care of that for you. Madlyn Ellis, a senior who participates in the ski program said, "I think it's worth going because of how *(continued on page 6)*

(Slopes continued from pg. 5) fun it is and how beautiful it is at the mountain."

One of the factors that keeps some students from participating is how expensive it is. When asked about why one student didn't participate in the program this year, senior Jed Coon said, "If it was less expensive I would have gone."

The ski program has its pros and cons, yet it's definitely worth keeping at the school because it allows students to take a break from the curriculum and learn in a different way. Also, if a student needs a few more PE credits, the ski program is a great way to earn them in a new environment. Most importantly, this is a fantastic opportunity for students to spend a few Sundays in nature.

Phil on Isle 3

story by Arien Cabanilla

Chapter 3

"Spill on aisle three!"

Jessica's words echoed in Phil's mind. He wasn't in a store where his manager could shout at him anymore, but he was indeed in a mess of sorts.

Phil had tried to run off with the white pig in his arms, hoping to make a quick getaway. Needless to say, it didn't work. His bangs, overgrown and matted, kept getting in his face, and so he constantly tripped over himself while running through the undergrowth. The pig squealed constantly with excitement, giving away their position. Both boy and pig were swiftly captured by the natives.

His hands tied, and head covered by a dark cloth, Phil was led by strong arms. He realized they were approaching the shore when he started hearing the waves over the

squeals of the pig and the chatter of the natives. Phil began to struggle. Where were they taking him? What did they plan to do to him? He had to get out, he had to--

Then everything faded to black.

Phil regained consciousness with a throbbing pain in his head. Rubbing his head, he realized that he was no longer restrained or blindfolded. Looking around, Phil found himself in a dark hut, lit only by sunlight streaming through a crude door. From all the hustle and bustle he heard outside, Phil surmised that he was in some sort of village.

The boy heard voices outside the hut. A man barged inside, the white pig happily tagging along behind him. Phil was wondering if the pig belonged there when the man began shouting at him. The man was interrupted by the the last person Phil expected to be see.

"Jessica?"



The Butler Did What?

Arien Cabanilla

"Anyone with half a brain knows who the killer is before they even open the book."

"Oh? And how do they know that?"

"Why, the butler did it, of course!"

Auburn Adventist Academy was treated to a performance by the members of the drama club at Dower Chapel on January 20.

This most recent production was *The Butler Did It*, starring Arien Cabanilla as the titular butler and student-directed by Rachel Singer. Set in early 1930's England, the play follows a whodunit plot. A party at the Covington Man-



Fighting it out with the crew (PC: Ashlynn Hawe)

Edwina Corry (Katrina Krause), is upended when bachelor Trevor Barstow (Shannon Miller) is found murdered in the kitchen. Upon investigation by Edwina, the butler Jenkins is falsely pinned as the primary suspect, and he must figure out the real culprit and clear his name before the police arrive to take him away. Among his fellow suspects are (*continued on page 7*)

(*Butler* continued from pg. 6) the maid Sarah Jane (Aeryn Singer), retired colonel Nigel Covington (Hayden Watson), the colonel's wife Lady Miranda (Sydnee Young), their daughter Kat (Katriona Wallenfelsz), Lady Miranda's mother Gram (Sally Tonkin), and the local pastor Elsbeth Timothy (Heidi Kissinger).

The drama club worked tirelessly to deliver a quality production, and they pulled it off with flying colors. Hayden Watson said, “[It] was a great experience. I wish I had joined [drama club] sooner.” Aeryn Singer said, “I loved every bit. It was a good chance for me to grow.” Victoria Fedak thought that “it was good.” The favorite character of Amber Pettey-Torres was Gram “[because] she offered much needed comic relief and excitement.”

It may have taken the whole play to solve the mystery of the murder, but it's no mystery that *The Butler Did It* was a huge success.

New Finals Schedule

Amber PT

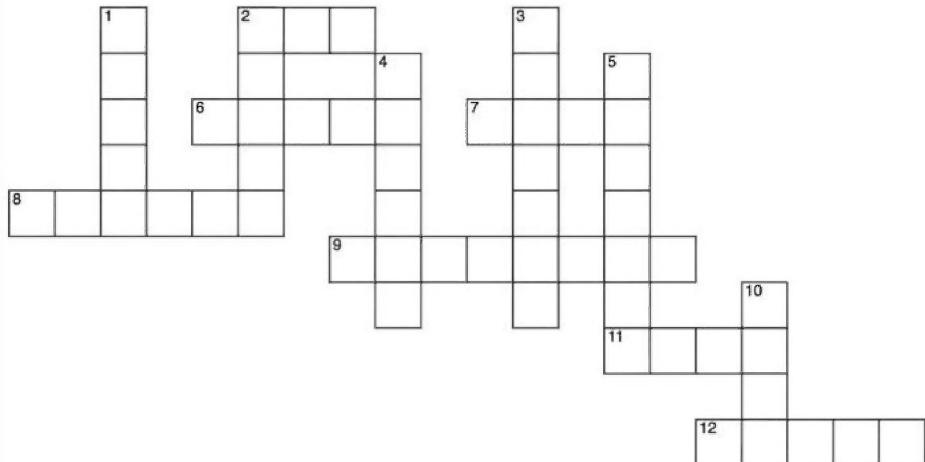


Studying for finals (PC: Bradley Hammond)

Finals week started for all students on Wednesday, January 10, with a new and improved schedule. Finals can be quite stressful for many students, but this year a new schedule enabled students to have more time to study. In years past students finals were sometimes heavy on one day, leading

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SENIOR CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- 2 Took Russian for 7 Years
- 6 Siblings Graduated From Auburn in 2010 and 2012
- 7 Same Birthday as Mr. Cook's Dad
- 8 Took off his Shirt On-Stage During Spirit Week
- 9 Is the Senior Class Photographer
- 11 "Hi I'm ____ With no H!"
- 12 Broke His Arm at a Friends Birthday Party

DOWN

- 1 Lives With Their Uncle
- 2 Was Taller than Derek and Hayden in 6th Grade
- 3 Has Been in the Same Class as his Best Friend for the Past 14 Years
- 4 Has 5 Siblings Whose Names Also Start With "M"
- 5 Same Birthday as Barack Obama
- 10 Favorite Movie is The Princess Diaries

Word Key

Kenny
Hayden
Joann
Jed
Marion
Kontessa
Nate
Bradley
Genesis
Sara
Madi
Willy

to excess stress because of the increased concentration of tests. This year's schedule had only 3 tests per day, and the tests were separated by class period. On Wednesday, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd period had their finals, Thursday had 4th, 5th, and 6th period, and Friday had 7th, 8th, and 9th period. Every day ended at 2:15 pm. This was helpful to many students because they could relax and study without having to stay up late, thus enabling everyone to be able to get a good night's sleep.

Something else was new, though many students were not too excited about it. There were study halls assigned to students

if they had a free period, and they were not allowed to return back to the dorms or leave campus. Attendance was taken to assure students didn't leave. When asked how she felt about the new schedule, Pastor Jen said, “The finals schedule this year was the best by far of my time here at Auburn. Students were able to study and use their time wisely during the periods that they had free. It also helped teachers and work supervisors to have some workers during finals, which is usually non-existent.”

Overall, there was positive feedback from the student body and teachers. Administration did a good job with a new schedule this year!

2018 Winter Olympics are Heating Up

Sophia Lorge

The 2018 Winter Olympics, which are being held in PyeongChang, Korea, are now less than three weeks away. The Winter Olympics began 88 years ago and have had a significant impact world wide ever since. Masses of people travel thousands of miles to wherever the games are being held in support of their country every four years. A recent study predicted an outcome of over 7,000,000 people traveling to watch the games this year. There are 6 new events being introduced at the PyeongChang games. They are mixed doubles curling, a Nations Team Event for

alpine skiing, mass start men's and women's speed skating, and big air men's and women's snowboarding.



Quick Facts about the 2018 Winter Olympics:

- South Korea hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1988 in Seoul, but has never hosted the Winter Olympic Games before this year
- Tickets for the Winter Olympic Games this year range from \$17-\$1293
- There will be 102 events with 15 sports
- 88 nations will compete
- Two North Korean figure skaters qualified for the Games, and they will be allowed to cross the DMZ

Senior Dedication

Carson Fletcher



The 99th graduating class (PC: Gina Hubin)

The 99th graduating class of Auburn Adventist Academy was honored Friday, January 19, in Senior Dedication. Three speakers were chosen to address the students regarding the professions the seniors are interested in. Senior international student Yena Cho provided special music on the piano.

For the students who are heading into a medical major, Matthew Bruder, Morgan Bruder's father, was chosen. Mr. Bruder paid for his own college following high-school and had a very busy life managing his schooling, work, and family. He is now a practicing flight

nurse. He spoke about how every field of medicine is just as important to ensure successful treatment of patients. Morgan Bruder had this to say about her father's talk, "I appreciate him setting a good example for me and being willing to talk." After Mr. Bruder, Gerald Burke was chosen to speak for those interested in business. Mr. Burke is a private business owner who started his own construction and roofing business 35 years ago. He gave a charming talk about how important it is to be honest first no matter what you do. After Mr. Burke's talk Pastor Angel was up to speak to

the undecided people and those who were not going into business or medicine. Pastor Angel Ogando did not always have aspirations of being a pastor. While in high school his goal was to make it to the NBA. However, he was later convinced he wanted to go into ministry. Pastor Angel spoke about how important it is to be strong in your relationship with God through indecision and to know that He knows our future. Senior Dedication went very well this year and was filled with good speakers and music.



Senior Morgan Bruder hugs her father before he speaks (PC: Gina Hubin)